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SUBJ: INCIDENT AT KIEV DELAYS AMERICAN CHARTER GROUP

1. FORTY MEMBERS OF WORLDWIDE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB OF SOUTHFIELD, MICH., MADE ONE-DAY TRIP BUCHAREST-KIEV AND RETURN ON AUGUST 19. RETURN TRIP TO BUCHAREST WAS DELAYED MORE THAN FIVE HOURS DUE TO DIFFICULTIES WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS AT AIRPORT.

2. ON AUGUST 20 SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ADVISED AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST THAT THEY WERE DETAINED IN TRANSIT ROOM OF KIEV AIRPORT FOR MORE THAN FIVE HOURS BEFORE PLANE WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE OFF. REASON FOR DELAY APPEARED TO BE VERBAL ALTERCATION BETWEEN PILOT OF THE TAROM CHARTER FLIGHT, WHO WAS PHYSICALLY REMOVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT, AND SOVIET OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT. ALTHOUGH PASSENGERS WERE IN NO WAY INVOLVED, THEY WERE OFFERED NO AMENITIES DURING THE WAIT AND REASONS GIVEN THEM FOR DELAY LATER PROVED TO BE FALSE.

.3. THE ENTIRE CHARTER GROUP RETURNS TO U.S. ON AUGUST 20. MEMBERS WHO CONTACTED THE EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST WERE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FULL DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT IN WRITING TO THE DEPARTMENT . FULLY ANTICIPATE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS CASE BECAUSE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE NEIGHBORS AND/OR FRIENDS OF LOCAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
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